

Shafted in Shaftsborg

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Now I've been shafted in Shaftsborg,

----C-----D7--G

Been lynched in Lynch-burg town;

I've been sharpened in Flint,

-----A-----D

And Highland's got me down;

----G

I'm all washed up in Bath,

C-----D7-G

Impaled in Lans-ing too;

-----E

Yes, I've been shafted in Shaftsborg,

-----A-----D----G

Come on and get shafted too!

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-----A-----D----G

Come on and get shafted too!

I got fed up in Eaton Rapids,

In Custer I made my stand;

I got crocked in Potterville,

In Mason I was canned;

Reformed in Westphalia,

Benton Harbor straightened me out,

But the shafting I got in Shaftsborg

'Twas dreadful there can be no doubt!

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I lost my bearings in Wheeler,

And Hamburg ground me down;

I was given the bird in Pigeon

And Fowlerville's a chickenshit town;

I got riled up in South Riley,

Ran amok in Menominee, (Menominee,

Menominee),

But when you come to Shaftsborg,

You'll be shafted I guarantee!

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I got mixed up in Cement City,

Muskegon raised a stink;

You can't get high in Lowell,

Hart's got no soul I think;

I've been glum in Lum,

Taken for a ride in Cadillac;

But once you're shafted in Shaftsborg,

You know you're never coming back!

Once you're shafted in Shaftsborg,

You know you're never coming back!

Now I lost my head in Bad Ax,

And Hell, it wasn't so hot;

I got fucked over in Climax,

And Hillsdale left me flat;

I've been socked in Argyle,

Swamped in Grand Marais,

But when you're shafted in Shaftsborg,

You know you're gonna stay that way!

When you're shafted in Shaftsborg,

You know you're gonna stay that way!

I put up my dukes in Ellington,

Got locked in the Kalamazoo;

I got the trots in Flushing

And see-sawed at the Sault;

I got stoned in Petoskey,

Balmed in East Gilead;

But once you're shafted in Shaftsborg,

Nothing else is quite as bad!

Once you're shafted in Shaftsborg,

Nothing else is quite as bad!

I was polished off in Brighton,

In Lyons I lost my pride;

I was fleeced in Shepard,

In Frankenmuth I got fried;

I was blown away in Galesburg,

And Howeled all the way home;

When you're shafted in Shaftsborg,

You know it's time to roam!

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You know it's time to roam!

I was cast out of Eden,
In Paradise I was lost;
I was damned in Holland,
In Thunder Bay, tempest tossed;
Tehquamenon was my downfall
But, Eureka, I saw the light;
When you're shafted in Shaftsburg,
You know it's time for flight!
*When you're shafted in Shaftsburg,
You know it's time for flight!*

I got plastered in Paris,
In Rosebush I got ripped;
I got tanked in Sherman,
In Beacon I was lit;
Fell off the wagon in Temperance,
In Brunswick I got stewed;
When you're shafted in Shaftsburg,
Nothing else is quite as crude!
*When you're shafted in Shaftsburg,
Nothing else is quite as crude!*

I drifted through Grand Rapids,
At Big Rock I was sunk;
Coldwater was a chilling experience,
Hemlock had a lot of punch;
Saginaw was a big letdown,
And Paw Paw's a fruity place,
But once you're shafted in Shaftsburg,
You've known real disgrace!
*Once you're shafted in Shaftsburg,
You've known real disgrace!*

(Repeat first verse)

Notes:

"Shafted in Shaftsburg" was composed by Charlie Ipcar and Maxine Parshall, © 1975, after an inspiring road trip to the "thumb" of Michigan. It has been recorded by Michigan's Lady of the Lake and was rumored to have been the theme song of a 1980s road show with Kitty Donohoe who has also made a recording of it.